

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.

In spite of disquieting war rumours, Banks fairly maintain their position in the market. This morning sales for cash at 190 per cent. premium have been booked, and on time at 197 for January and 201 for February a considerable amount of business has been arranged. At the cash rate, however, number of shares could still be obtained. In other stocks very little of interest has transpired. Docks were brought on the 17th, but beyond a few transfers at 58 per cent. premium for the end of the month, nothing worth mentioning has been done. For cash there are sellers at 57½. China Sugars continue in the same unsatisfactory condition. Nominally the rate is 137, with sellers, but we doubt if a much lower quotation would lead to legitimate business. Several time transactions are said to have been fixed for the end of February at a low figure; but as we have been unable to verify the alleged transactions we withhold the reported details. Luzons have been inquired after, but nothing has been settled. Annexed quotations speak for themselves.

4 o'clock p.m.

The only noteworthy business reported this afternoon has been in connection with China Sugars, and the transactions are certainly of an unusual description. Sales have been fixed at 137 for the end of the year, and also at 136 for the end of March. We will not attempt to explain this seeming anomaly. For cash the stock is decidedly weak at 136, in fact, there appear to be no cash buyers in the market. Yangtsze Insurance scrip is now offered at taels 1000 without leading to business. Other stocks require no special mention.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Tls. 100 per cent. premium, sales.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$620 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$73 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,400 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share.
Vanguard Insurance Association—Tls. 1,000 per share, sellers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$100 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$357 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$370 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—57½ per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$51 per share, premium, buyers.

China and Manlia Steam Ship Company—\$10 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$150 per share, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. dis.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$136 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$86 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$155 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—11 per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—par.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/7
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/8
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
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ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/63
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/71

ON BOMBAY—Bank, T. T. 22/4

ON CALCUTTA—Bank, T. T. 22/4

On Demand 22/4

ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, sight 7/3
Private, 30 days' sight 7/3

OPPIUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, \$535

OLD MALWA per picul, \$585

(Allowance, Taels 5.)

NEW PATNA, high touch (without choice) per chest \$565

NEW PATNA, high touch (first choice) per chest \$567

NEW PATNA, high touch (bottom) per chest \$570

NEW PATNA, high touch (second choice) per chest \$568

NEW PATNA, low touch (without choice) per chest \$565

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OLD PATNA, per chest \$594

NEW BENARES, high touch (without choice) per chest \$558

NEW BENARES, high touch (bottom) per chest \$562

NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul, \$485 @ \$525

OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul, \$375 @ \$400

OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul, \$265 @ \$352

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & Co's Recorders.)

Barometer—P.M. 30.074

Thermometer—P.M. 71

Thermometer—A.M. 71

Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 71

Thermometer—4 P.M. (Dry bulb) 64

Barometer—To-day 30.074

Barometer—A.M. 71

Thermometer—A.M. 70

Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 68

Thermometer—4 P.M. (Dry bulb) 62

Thermometer—Minimum (over night) 68

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

FU-WEW, Chinese steamer, 920, Croud, 20th Nov., Canton 10th November, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
CHINKIANG, British steamer, 787, Hermann, 20th Nov., Canton 10th Nov., General—Siemsen & Co.
DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, R. F. Cullen, 20th November—Manila 17th Nov., General—Russell & Co.
AMOY, British steamer, 814, Wm. Potts, 20th Nov., Shanghai 17th November, General—Siemsen & Co.
CHAMPION, British corvette, Captain A. T. Pownall, 20th Nov., Singapore 6th Nov., Amoy 18th, and Swatow 19th, General—D. La-prak & Co.
CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Albay, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Duburg, German steamer, for Swatow, &c.

DEPARTURES.

November 20, Don Juan, Spanish steamer, for Amoy.
November 20, Douglas, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
November 20, Greyhound, British steamer, for Hoitow, &c.
November 20, Radnorshire, British steamer, for Yokohama.
November 20, Duburg, German str., for Swatow, &c.
November 20, Amoy, British str., for Canton.
November 20, Peitho, French steamer, for Saigon and Marseilles.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Diamante, str., from Manila—Messrs. Martin, Asburne, Curtis, and Zeily, and 264 Chinese.
Per Amoy, str., from Shanghai—Mr. Baker, and 73 Chinese.

Per Namou, str., from Foochow, &c.—Mr. E. G. dos Remedios and Professor Mount, and 103 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Peitho, str., from Hongkong—7 Chinese, for Saigon. For Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. England, Messrs. A. Rodrigues and assistant, G. E. Noble and servant. For Colombo—Messrs. Percy Hargraves and W. Hynes. For Port Said—Mr. and Mrs. Dollysheff and a child. For Marseilles—Messrs. H. Gritton, J. Sullivan, Hams, C. Nielsen, Mathew, Wynall, and L. Rickertsen. From Shanghai—Mr. E. D. Benjamin and son, for Port Said. For Mar-selles—Messrs. A. G. Wood, W. Mendel, P. Genin, and R. Lebedoff.

Per St. Louis, str., from Hongkong—Messrs. Pere Thineelin and J. J. Buxhester, for Shanghai. From Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, 3 children, and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Herring. Mt. and Mrs. Geret Galles, Miss Ulmbrick, Messrs. Truman, Lottey, Favre, Mareschal, Jercin, Van-Westerholt, and Bellenguer.

Per Douglas, str., for Foochow—Mr. C. Forster.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Diamante reports left Manila on the 17th instant. Had light N.E. wind and fine weather until midday of the 18th, then had strong gale from the N.E. with mountainous sea and dull overcast weather, which lasted until within 60 miles of this coast; thence to port had moderate monsoon and cloudy weather.

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THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1883.

The full in the discussion of the Franco-Chinese difficulties in connection with the Tonquin embroil would appear to have been but the calm which precedes the storm. For some days past an uneasy feeling has been manifested amongst the best informed Chinese in our leading local circles, an impression having gained ground, by some means or other, that the Chinese Government had decided once and for all to assume a firm attitude towards France in regard to affairs in Tonquin. It was plainly stated to us by those who have the best and readiest means at their disposal of obtaining the most reliable information from high Chinese official sources, that the war party in Peking had obtained complete ascendancy over both the Emperor and Dowager-Empress, with the result that a determination had been arrived at to oppose the progress of the French in Tonquin by force of arms, if diplomacy failed to induce the Republican Ministry in Paris to moderate their demands. One of our informants, a gentleman of position and ability, assured us that if the French troops attacked Bacninh, war would at once be declared and the Chinese legions, which for months have been massing on the Kwang-si and Yunnan frontiers, poured an irresistible force against the invaders. We naturally hesitated to place entire reliance on this information, although we had known for months that the Chinese Government never had the least intention of allowing the French to over-run Tonquin and establish themselves on the borders of the empire without a strenuous resistance. However, our informant was evidently not speaking without sufficient authority, and it now seems almost certain that our predictions long ago as to war between France and China being inevitable, will be quickly realised.

The gravity of the present situation cannot be disguised. Diplomacy has apparently failed to adjust the matters in dispute between the French Republic and the Chinese Empire, and an appeal to arms is the only practical solution of the difficulty. The Chinese Ambassador to France, Marquess Tseng, unwavering from the first as to China's rights and intentions, has at last deliberately thrown down the gauntlet. For several days past Admiral COURBET has been making extensive preparations at Hanoi and Haiphong for an attack on a large scale on Bacninh, the largest and most strongly fortified of the Tonquinese strongholds, and intelligence of the intended advance has been telegraphed in ordinary course to Europe. At the same time orders were sent out by the French War Minister that Sontal and Bacninh were to be captured before any further negotiations were attempted. And then the Marquess Tseng explicitly declares that any attack on Bacninh will be considered a *casus belli*. It is only reasonable to assume that the Chinese Ambassador, in making public this ultimatum, was merely carrying out his instructions from the War Department in Peking; and it is only common sense to believe that the Chinese Government has foreseen that war was inevitable from the first, and has made every possible preparation for the coming struggle. And it will further be allowed that the Marquess has admirably chosen his time for launching his defiance at the French. At the present moment France is almost completely isolated from the other European nations, Great Britain alone of all the Great Powers remaining her firm friend. With her hands full in Europe, to say nothing of Ile de la Réunion and Madagascar and on

the Congo, France will have all her work cut out to maintain a position on the Red River, with China's millions arrayed against her. However, no doubt, the die has been already cast, for latest advices from Haiphong inform us that not only had Admiral COURBET with his reinforcements started on the expedition against Bacninh, but that the Chinese troops had crossed the frontier in great force and, with a powerful contingent of the Black Flags, had garrisoned the citadel and were awaiting the approach of the French. In a few days we shall obtain some definite information from the seat of war, and meanwhile, appearances would forcibly suggest that war between France and China has already practically commenced.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 17th.

MORE POLITICAL TROUBLE.
Renewed angry polemics have occurred between France and Germany, the latter Power assuming a threatening tone.

November 19th.
CHINA'S ULTIMATUM TO FRANCE.

The Marquess Tseng, Chinese Ambassador to Paris, has explicitly declared that an attack by the French on the Tongquinese fortress of Bacninh would be considered a *casus belli*.

PARIS, November 19th.

FURTHER FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS.
A brigade of Zouaves and Chasseurs d'Afrique has been despatched by the French authorities to Tonquin.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The late Count de Chambord bequeathed 40,000 francs to the Peter's Pence fund.

THIRTY thousand copies of Miss Braddon's last novel were sold the first week of issue.

H.M.S. *Champion*, Captain A. S. Powlett, from Singapore, arrived in harbour this forenoon.

THE U.S.S. *Palos* was at Chefoo on the 10th inst. en route for Tientsin. H.M.S. *Kestrel* arrived on the same date from Korea.

THE *Amalista* assault case, the steamer not having yet returned from Manila, was this morning further remanded to the 24th instant.

A Lodge of Emergency of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday evening next, the 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock precisely.

H.M.S. *Maze* and the American ship *Onward* will undock at Kowloon to-morrow. H.M.S. *Zephyr* taking one of the vacant places. The British steamer *Venice* will dock at Aberdeen to-morrow.

We are glad to hear that Keller, the world renowned illusionist, has struck a bonanza in Manila. He has been performing nightly to crowded houses, and at his final show on the 8th inst. there was not even standing room. Keller and his partner left for Iloilo and Cebu on the 9th instant.

ON the first day of Hankow Races the chestnut pony Newmarket, which ran in Mr. Mat Dawson's colors at our last Hongkong Races, and finished second to Ambassador, after a dead heat, in the Cosmopolitan Cup at the recent Shanghai Autumn Meeting, won the Lottery Cup and Racing Stakes.

MESSRS. SMITH, BELL & CO., of Manila, have petitioned the Spanish Government, on behalf of the Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited, for a daily supply of 320 cubic metres of water from the small river Tullasan in Malabon. The water will be raised by means of a steam pump from the right hand shore of the river at the Malinta Hacienda, and from thence conveyed by iron pipes to the Sugar Works.

UNDER the able arrangement of Mr. James Francis, the J. B. Gough of Hongkong, over 100 seafaring men and a few military were treated to a very enjoyable tea, followed by an entertainment, at the Temperance Hall last evening. The guests did ample justice to the good things crowding the table, which was nicely laid out by Mr. Nelson Pugh, the manager of the Hall. After the inner man was duly refreshed and invigorated, an entertainment consisting of songs, recitations and instrumental music was begun. Mr. G. S. Northcote taking the chair and opening the proceedings by a few well chosen words of good advice to those present. Mr. Northcote, in the course of his remarks, said he had been assured that by the promotion of similar gatherings much good could be effected among our seafaring visitors, and that this was evidenced by what he witnessed that evening. Mrs. Houghton, and Messrs. Hurley, Howard, Ross, Sparks and Woodford contributed to the success of the entertainment.

A MILKMAN named Tam Ayau was charged before Mr. Wodehouse, this morning, at the Police Court, with stealing two forks and a spoon from the Hongkong Hotel. It appears that petty larceny from the Hotel have been frequent of late, and so Chinese constable 192 was on the alert to detect the pugilists. Observing the defendant leave the Hotel at noon yesterday carrying two baskets containing bottles of milk, he thought he would see if the vendor of lait fluid was one of the annexes he was in search of, and with this object followed him as far as Wyndham Street, where he saw him approach a marine hawk, with whom the milkman had probably made an appointment. Before, however, the defendant could pass his ill-gotten spoils to the peripatetic, the luksung arrested him, and in the milk baskets found the forks and spoon, which were recognized by the Chinese butler in the Hotel as the property of the lessees. The vendor of the combination was engaged on the staff of a paper, it would take the editor a month to learn his name.

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PRINCE Victor Napoleon has applied to be allowed to serve in the Swedish army.

THE French ironclad *Triomphante* arrived at Wonsung on the afternoon of the 16th instant.

THE Shanghai Athletic Sports have been unavoidably postponed until the 22nd inst, owing to the sad death of Mr. T. H. Rawson, a prominent member of the Athletic Club committee. Mr. Rawson had been for many years in the employ of Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., and was popular with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

THE *Overland Mail* says there is a tendency among Parisians to congratulate themselves on the success to General Thibaudin. The new War Minister, General Camponet, has had some experience of China, and is chiefly famous for the magnificent collection of curios he got together on the famous occasion of the sacking of the Summer Palace. Let us hope that his ideas on China and her capacity for self-protection are not based on his experiences at Pekin in 1860. What was child's play then would be tough work now. Indeed, it is even doubtful whether an allied army such as the one of twenty-three years ago would be able now to find a way to the Taku Forts; so well are they protected and so strong is the army of Li-Hung-Chang.

AFTER giving half a million sterling to the Scotch Kirk, the late Mr. Baird, the well-known Gartshill ironmaster, met his friend, James Merry, the great racing man and member for the Falkirk Boroughs, who accosted him as follows: "Well, Mr. Baird, noo ye've given a' that silver to the Kirk; ye'll be thinking yell gang to heaven like a bird. Noo, for as rich as ye are, I'll bet ye a five ye' canna say the 'Lord's Prayer' to save yer life." "Done," replied the millionaire, and commenced: "The Lord's ma shepherd, a'll not want, he mak me do to it."

"That will do, that'll do," cried Mr. Merry; "here's yer money; I've lost the bet. Lord, man, I dinna think ye could do it; I never thocht it was in ye." This shows how these early lessons of piety get ingrained, right down to the boots in every Scotchman, no matter how many decades have passed since they were last repeated.

ACCORDING to the Paris journal *Le Siècle*, of the 5th October, the Rev. John Banks, late priest of the Roman Catholic Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation, Eldon-street, Liverpool, who absconded on the 16th instant in company with a young woman, taking with him \$37,184, the moneys of the Right Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Roman-Catholic Bishop of Liverpool, was apprehended in Paris on the 4th instant by Detective McKenna, of the Liverpool Police Force. It appeared from the report in *Le Siècle*, that the officer had traced the fugitives from Liverpool to London, and thence via Folkestone and Boulogne to Paris, where they had taken up their quarters as man and wife, at the Hotel Callieux, 37, Rue St. Quentin. The Rev. gentleman was taken before the Prefect, and remanded in the usual way in order that his extradition might be procured. He will be brought to England as soon as the requirements of the Extradition Treaty are complied with. The sum of \$700, is said to have been recovered, the money having been deposited in a bank in Paris by the defaulting priest.

THE Berlin correspondent of the London *Daily News* writes: "Under the presidency of General von Caprivi, chief of the Imperial navy, a conference took place recently at Kiel, at which Rear-Admirals Livonius, Knob, Count Monts, Von Wickede, and Von Blaau took part.

The subject under discussion was the rapid mobilisation of the fleet in case of war. A unanimous decision was arrived at in regard to the measures and regulations to be observed in case of necessity for fitting out the men-of-war in complete readiness for action within eight days, or the same time needed for mobilising the army. Every one of the war-vessels designated beforehand for action has its own storehouse in the great naval arsenals at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the two war stations of the empire, in which everything necessary for its immediate equipment and commission is stored up and numbered in the best order, from the largest gun to the spittoon in the officers' cabin, and from the complete torpedo to the pewter spoon in the cook's galley. Officers and crews for the greater part of the fleet can also be summoned within a few days, so that a commander may be able to put out to sea with his vessel completely rigged, manned, armed, and provisioned within three or four days after receiving orders."

THE uses of advertisement are numerous, but one in a London evening paper which commenced with—"You be one very much over-chargeed charming girl" was calculated to make the hair of the average newspaper reader stand on end. "I am not very much well conversant with Your tongue," wrote the addressee to his addressee, "but peradventure that You can to comprehend a little of the new greek, or to make to interpret him from some friend hellene. Elpito diu kannette kalk u phaliti mou-dicibens kaot tha Sas idho illin phorin met elphon. Kalin andamiosin Edie mon Sts agnado." This is the sort of lover who ought to succeed. His wooing has a freshness about it which is charming. He pops the question in English so shoddy that, compared to it, the hieroglyphics on Cleopatra's Needle are as plain as the alphabet. But the end of the advertisement is the germ of the composition. It is too sweetly pretty to be passed by.

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It is stated that the Princess of Wales is becoming deaf.

THE decrease last year in the number of punishments for breach of discipline in the prisons of England and Wales has been sufficiently remarkable to call forth a special note in the report of the Commissioners. The total number of punishments of all kinds, as compared with the previous year, fell from 60,000 to 40,000, cases of the kind known as dietary punishments falling from 40,000 to 19,000. It is noted also that the number of suicides of prisoners—namely, ten, was lower than in any year on record. The commissioners observe that "those who know the interior working of this establishment are aware that this remarkable decrease is not due to any relaxation of subordination and regularity, nor to any diminution in the industry or good order in the prisons, but on the contrary these qualities much more generally and uniformly characterise them than in former years."

CAPTAIN WARING, of the steamship *Gordon Castle*, charged his 2nd officer, Mr. George Scarrott, before Captain-Thomsett this morning, with unlawfully absenting himself from his duty on board. The captain stated that on Saturday last, at about 10 a.m., he saw the 2nd mate about to leave the vessel for the shore. He told him he must not go. Defendant then asked permission, which he refused, but despite his orders he got into a sampan alongside and went, returning about 6 p.m. Captain-Thomsett.—What have you got to say? Defendant.—I ask for time to allow me to get my witnesses. I deny absenting myself from duty. Captain-Thomsett.—You went on shore without leave. Defendant.—I had leave from the chief officer. Captain-Thomsett.—The captain told you that you were not to go. The captain is the person to decide, even although the chief officer had given you leave. Defendant.—The custom in the merchant service is —. Captain-Thomsett.—No, is the custom in every well regulated service that the officers should obey the orders of the captain. Defendant.—It is a case of tyrannising over, which I can prove. The sailors even can go on shore without leave. I admit I went on shore, but I had no duty to perform. Captain-Thomsett.—Had you remained on board, you don't know what duty the captain might have asked you to perform. Captain Waring at this point remarked that he could not get the defendant to attend to anything he said. The defendant retorted that he (the captain) knew he was speaking falsely, and that it was Petty tyranny on his part. Captain-Thomsett said he would have no wrangling in court. The captain added that the defendant said he would take his discharge at Sydney, but that when he arrived there he declined to do so, and that he went ashore at Sydney and left the cargo to look after itself. Captain-Thomsett remarked that no doubt the captain would give him his discharge now if he wanted it. The defendant replied that he was appointed by the owners and must abide by their instructions. Captain-Thomsett told defendant, he must forfeit two days' pay and that an entry was to be made in the log. Defendant asked to be allowed to appeal to which Captain-Thomsett replied that no appeal would be permitted. As he was leaving the Court, the defendant said something about justice, whereupon Captain-Thomsett told him that if he spoke to him about justice, he would have a charge against him rather more serious than the other.

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